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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: CONTACTS IN KIGOMA

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENT AT KIGOMA JUNE 3 WITH DONALD CHAPMAN, AMCIT FAO FISHERIES EXPERT STATIONED THERE WHO CAME TO DAR ES SALAAM JUNE 3.

2. CHAPMAN SAID HE THOUGHT BEST CONTACT MAN ON ZAIRE SIDE WOULD BE A SPANISH PRIEST (PRESENTLY STUDYING IN EGYPT) WHO HAS BEEN IN AREA MANY YEARS, KNOWS ALL THE BEMBE VILLAGES ALONG THE WEST SHORE INTIMATELY, AND IS PERHAPS THE ONLY MAN WHO CAN SAIL INTO ANY OF THESE VILLAGES IN A CANOE AND BE RECOGNIZED AND LISTENED TO. CHAPMAN VOLUNTEERED (WITHOUT EMBOFF'S RAISING SUBJECT) THAT THIS PRIEST WOULD BE BETTER INTERMEDIARY THAN BISHOP CATARZI OR OTHER PRIESTS AT UVIRA. CHAPMAN CANNOT REMEMBER NAME OF PRIEST (SAID FATHER CHRIS OF WHITE FATHERS IN UJIJI WOULD KNOW IT READILY), BUT IDENTIFIED HIM AS MAN WHO HAD RAISED AND RECONDITIONED THE SUNKEN SHIP

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BARAKA, AND ESTABLISHED IT SUCCESSFULLY IN TRADE ALONG WEST

COAST OF LAKE, UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED (NATIONALIZED BY MOBUT?)
SOME 18 MONTHS AGO.

3. CHAPMAN SAID USEFUL CONTACTS IN KIGOMA INCLUDE CATHOLIC FATHERS CHRIS AND ALFONSE OF WHITE FATHERS AT UJIJI, AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY MAURICE MARROW, AND AGENCE MARITIME NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TONY BRESCIA IN KIGOMA. CHAPMAN SAID THAT POLICE COMMISSIONER LUGWISHA AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MUNTHIALI ARE ONLY ABLE TANGOV OFFICIALS IN KIGOMA; LUGWISHA IS ALSO AMENABLE TO SUGGESTION. TANGOV OFFICIALS GENERALLY SYMPATHIZE WITH ZAIRIAN REBELS, AND ARE DISTANT TO LOCAL ZAIRE CONSULAR OFFICIALS, WHO ARE TOLERATED ONLY BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRICAN.

4. THERE ARE THREE LIKELY BOATS AT KIGOMA (IF BOAT NEEDED): THE FAO BOAT, THE MARROWS' BOAT (TWIN 40-HP OUTBOARD) AND AN INBOARD/OUTBOARD CALLED THE HODARI. ONLY LIGHT PLANE IN AREA IS THAT OF THE HERI SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MISSION 40 MILES NORTH OF KIGOMA AT MANYORU, NEAR BURUNDI BORDER.

5. CHAPMAN NOTED THAT UJIJI, FIVE MILES SOUTH OF KIGOMA, IS OLD ARAB-DOMINATED TOWN, SUSPICIOUS BOTH OF WHITES AND OF OFFICIAL BLACKS FROM KIGOMA, AND IS CENTER OF CROSS-LAKE SMUGGLING TRADE. MAIN WATER TAXI BASE IS ADJACENT TO LIVINGSTON-STANLEY MONUMENT IN UJIJI.

6. FSO HUGH MACDOUGALL, WHO SPEAKS SWAHILI AND FRENCH, WILL GO TO KIGOMA JUNE 4, RELIEVING FSO HAL LUCIUS, FOR ONE WEEK TOUR. WE INTEND TO HAVE MACDOUGALL TALK TO FATHER CHRIS AND FIND OUT NAME OF SPANISH PRIEST WHOM WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER AS POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARY IF VAGNI SCENARIO FALLS THROUGH.

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